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Decision No. 91864 JUN 3 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application )  
of Interamerican Public Distribu- )  
tion Corporation, seeking author- )  
ity to increase rates for its )  
account in Interamerican Public )  
Distribution Corporation, Ware- )  
house Tariff No. 3, Cal. P.U.C. )  
No. 3 (Warehouse), applicable for )  
storage and handling in Southern )  
California. )

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 59607  
(Filed April 12, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, Interamerican Public Distribution Corporation, is a California corporation and a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at Los Angeles. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in Interamerican Public Distribution Corporation, Warehouse Tariff No. 3, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges for storage and for other than storage by 12.8 percent. The requested rate increase has been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman and is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

Applicant alleges that its present rates do not yield sufficient revenue to allow it to continue to conduct its warehouse operations at a reasonable profit. Applicant further alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased costs in all phases of operation, the most significant being the increased cost of plant and clerical labor.

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 90337 dated May 22, 1979 in Application 58777.

Exhibit B, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the period from January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during that period, applicant realized a profit of \$184,261 and an operating ratio of 94 percent.

Notice of the proposed increase was sent to each of applicant's storers. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings

1. Applicant's rates were last adjusted by Decision 90337 dated May 22, 1979 in Application 58777.

2. Since applicant's rates were last adjusted, it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased cost of plant and clerical labor.

3. Under the increase sought herein, applicant estimates its profit will be \$164,930 and an operating ratio of 95 percent.

4. The proposed increase in applicant's rates and charges has been shown to be justified.

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

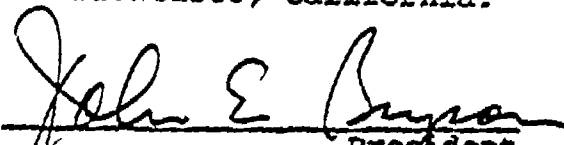
1. Interamerican Public Distribution Corporation is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 59607. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

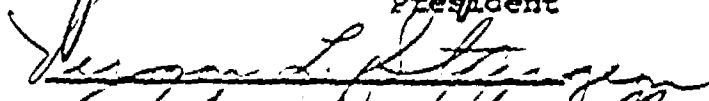
2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.


3. Nothing in this opinion and order constitutes a finding of fact regarding the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge filed pursuant to this order, and applicant, by reason of this declaration, has no ground to contend to the contrary in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code or in any other proceeding.

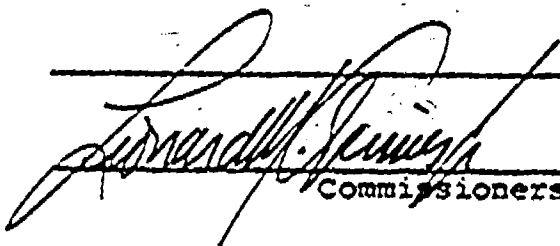
The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated JUN 3 1980, at San Francisco, California.

  
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President

  
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Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.